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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION - COMPOSITION OF SECRETARIAT

1. WE ARE PLEASED THAT MISSION WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN DRAFT OF REPORT ON COMPOSITION OF SECRETARIAT. OUR HASTY REVIEW REVEALS ASPECTS OF REPORT THREATEN TO UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. NATIONALS IN UN SECRETARIAT. ACCORDINGLY, WE ATTACH HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO HAVING REPORT MODIFIED BEFORE IT IS APPROVED FOR ISSUANCE AS A UN DOCUMENT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE OUR INFLUENCE TO BE GREATER NOW WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS THAN LATER IN 144-VOTE UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE.

2. REPORT IS MOST SERIOUSLY PREJUDICIAL TO U.S. AND OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS BY REDUCING CONTRIBUTIONS FACTOR IN ALL OPTIONS PRESENTED BY SECRETARIAT. WE OBJECT, AND ARE PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARED TO PURSUE OUR OBJECTIONS, TO BIASED PRESENTATION CON-

TAINED IN PRESENT DRAFT AND TO INSIST UPON ALTERNATIVES
BEING PRESENTED WHICH GIVE GREATER WEIGHT TO CONTRIBUTIONS
FACTOR. U.S. OPINION WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDER-
STAND U.S. REPRESENTATION THAT DEVIATES EVEN FURTHER FROM
ITS PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION SHOULD URGE SECRETARIAT TO PRE-
SENT AND DEFEND ALTERNATIVE FORMULAE DECREASING MEMBERSHIP
FACTOR TO TRADITIONAL LEVELS (E.G., DELETE EXAMPLES WHICH
PROVIDE MID-POINT OF GREATER THAN FOUR FOR MEMBERSHIP
FACTOR), AND OFFSET ANY INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FACTOR BY
REDUCING OR ELIMINATING POPULATION FACTOR.

4. WE ARE VERY DISTURBED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND ARE PRE-
PARED TO AUTHORIZE MISSION TO INTERVENE WITH SECRETARIAT
AT HIGHEST LEVELS (PREFERABLY IN COMPANY WITH LIKE-MINDED
GOVERNMENTS) IN OPPOSITION TO REPORT IF IT IS NOT PROMPTLY
MODIFIED TO OUR SATISFACTION.

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